

# Children's Administration Outcomes for Children & Families

## SAFETY

*Goal: Children will be safe from abuse and neglect*

**Objective:** *Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect*

**Outcomes:**

- ◆ Reduce chronic maltreatment

*Measured by*

✳ **Proportion of families with multiple referrals over several years** (3 referrals in 1 year, 4 referrals in 2 years, 5 referrals in 3 years)

- ◆ Reduce recurrence of maltreatment

*Measured by*

✓ **Percent of CAN victims and families with a CAN victim who had another founded referral within 12 months** (CFSR, ASFA 1.1)

**G** **Number of cases staffed with community Child Protection Teams** (Handcount)

- ◆ Increase safety for children placed in out-of-home care

*Measured by*

✓ **Percent of children in care who were abused or neglected by a licensed foster parent or facility staff** (CFSR, ASFA 2.1)

- ◆ Initiate timely investigations

*Measured by*

**G** **✓ Percent of high standard child abuse and neglect investigations where child is seen within 10 calendar days from the date of referral** (Handcount) (CFSR Case Review)

**Objective:** *Children are safely maintained in their own homes whenever possible and appropriate*

**Outcomes:**

- ◆ Protect children and prevent removal whenever possible
- ◆ Reduce CPS placement re-entry

*Measured by*

✳ **Percent of children currently in placement as result of CPS referral who had a previous CPS placement in the prior 12 months**

## WELL BEING

*Goal: Help families and communities improve the well being of children in their own homes and in out-of-home care*

**Objective:** *Families will have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs*

**Outcomes:**

- ◆ Increase worker visits with children in out-of-home care

*Measured by*

**Percent of children in DCFS placement who are visited by their social worker two times per month (2001), with at least one visit per quarter occurring in the caretaker's home (2000)** (OFM-Quarterly: Handcount)

- ◆ Increase worker visits with parents
- ◆ Involve family, child, and foster family in case planning
- ◆ Respond to needs of child, family, and foster parent

**Objective:** *Children in placement will have educational and developmental achievements appropriate to their abilities*

**Outcomes:**

- ◆ Children in placement are supported in age-appropriate educational and developmental programs

*Measured by*

**Percent of Therapeutic Child Development services funding used**

✓ **Percent of children ≤ 12 years old at time of most recent entry placed into group care** (ASFA 7.1)

**G** **Percent of youth who leave out-of-home placement on or after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday either holding a high school diploma or a GED, or enrolled in an educational or vocational program** (Handcount)

**Number of youth in out-of-home placement receiving Independent Living Services**

- ◆ Minimize school moves for foster children

## PERMANENCY

*Goal: Provide stable, nurturing, and permanent placements as quickly as possible for children who are placed into out-of-home care*

**Objective:** *Children will have permanency and stability in their living situations*

**Outcomes:**

- ◆ Increase permanency for children in out-of-home care

*Measured by*

**G** **Number of children adopted**

**Number of children in care whose permanent plans are accomplished** (Adoption, guardianship, reunification)

✓ **Percent of children exiting by adoption, reunification, and guardianship as a percent of total exits; breakout by diagnosed disability; ≥12 yrs at entry; race/ethnicity** (ASFA 3.1 – 3.4)

✓ **Exiting by emancipation who were ≤12 yrs at entry** (ASFA 3.5)

**Children in care longer than 2 years who do not have a completed permanent plan**

- ◆ Increase stability of children in out-of-home care

*Measured by*

✓ **Percent of children with no more than 2 placements during time in care, by LOS** (CFSR, ASFA 6.1)

- ◆ Decrease length of stay *without* increasing re-entry

*Measured by*

✳ **Percent of children in placement with no permanent plan achieved by LOS**

✓ **Length of time to achieve permanency goal of reunification and adoption, and ✳all permanent plans**

✓ **Percent of children reunified within 12 months (CFSR) [12 - <24 months, 24 - <36 months, 36 - <48 months, 48+ months (ASFA 4.1)]**

✓ **Percent of children adopted within 24 months (CFSR) [All children adopted and ≥ 3 years at entry; <12 months, 12 - <24 months, 24 - <36 months, 36 - <48 months, 48+ months (ASFA 5.1 & 5.2)]**

✓ **Median length of stay for children in care prior to discharge** (CFSR)

*Measured by*

✓ **Percent re-entered care after reunification w/in 12 months of prior episode** (CFSR, ASFA 4.2)



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**Objective:** *Children in placement will receive adequate services to meet their needs*

**Outcomes:**

- ◆ Physical health needs are met

*Measured by*

- ✱ Percent of children receiving physical exams within 30 days of placement
- ✱ Number of Passports in place for children in care over 90 days

- ◆ Mental health needs are met
- ◆ Increase "normal" experiences for children in care
- ◆ Cultural needs of children are met

**Outcomes:**

- ◆ Decrease over-representation of minority children in care

*Measured by*

- 📄 African American children in care longer than 2 years who do not have a completed permanent plan
- 📄 Length of time between termination of parental rights to completion of a permanent plan for minority children, ages birth through 3 years (Through adoption, guardianship, or long-term foster care/relative agreement.)

**Objective:** *The continuity of family relationships and connections will be preserved for children*

**Outcomes:**

- ◆ Increase relative placements

*Measured by*

- ✓ ✱ Percent of children in out-of-home care placed with extended family members (OFM, CFSR Case Review)

- ◆ Preserve connections with parents, siblings, and other significant people

*Measured by*

- ✓ ✱ Percent of open placement cases on last day of quarter where child was visited by parents or permanent caretakers at least once within the last 30 days (Handcount) (CFSR)

## SUPPORTING CLIENT OUTCOMES (ORGANIZATIONAL WELL BEING)

*Goal: Continuously improve the organization's capacity to achieve better outcomes for children and families*

*Measured by*

- 📄 Total number of licensed foster homes
- 📄 Number of minority foster homes
- 📄 Monthly number of foster home licensing applications that take more than 90 days to process
- 📄 Number of licensed child care slots
- 📄 Foster parent and child care satisfaction

- 📄 Number of customer satisfaction surveys developed and piloted

- 📄 Number of case records reviewed

Average number of open cases carried per social worker at fiscal year end (OFM)

Ratio of network staff to total workstations served at fiscal year end (OFM)